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AS I have lately made a Visit to *Mountague-House*, and several fresh Remarks have occurr'd to my Observation, I hope it will not be thought impertinent, if I make them the Subject of this Day's Entertainment; and if any of these should seem to differ in some Places with those I made before, I hope I may be allow'd the Freedom of a Recantation. The Portal, to the Street, thro' which you enter into the Area before the House, is grand and simple, regular and well proportion'd, and except the Lanthorn over it, has nothing to be objected to: In the View from the Court-Yard it harmonizes very finely with the Colonnade, is a noble Centre to the whole Range, and fills and satisfies the Eye at once.——But then the Colonnade itself is something defective by the Want of a Balustrade on Top, and ought certainly to have been continued round the Offices, quite to the Angles of the House; nay, if it had been carried on even to the main Body of the House, I am perswaded the Effect had more than answer'd the Expence: *But then*, 'tis true, it had requir'd more Magnificence in the Fabrick itself, to have made the Whole compleat. Neither do I think it impossible, but even this too might be added without adding a Shilling to the Charge, if the Building had been calculated only for one Range of Apartments, with an Attick Story, instead of two, as it is at present: A Scheme, 'tis plain, that would have answer'd all the Purposes of Building the noble Owner had in View, because, except the *Salonne*, no Part of the upper has ever been us'd, or furnish'd even to this Day. A strange Instance of mistaken Grandeur! for surely, it had been more noble, as well as more provident, to have spar'd a superfluous Out-side, that, by being so, was more a Reflection on the Owner, than it could have been a Compliment, even if it had been graceful and magnificent.

The Hall is rais'd on a double Row of Pilasters, and appears to me to want neither Proportion or Ornament to speak it perfectly elegant, and in Taste: If any Thing may be said to be defective in it, 'tis that you want another Row of Columns to answer that which divides it from the Stair-Case, and yet, in Spite of this Defect, 'tis, upon the Whole, in my Opinion, the best Room in the House.

The Door, opposite to the Entrance, opens into a grand Apartment, that looks into the Garden, and, from thence, on the two beautiful Hills of *Hampstead* and *Highgate*, with all the delightful Space of Meadows and Trees between. The Garden itself, consisting of one large Gravel-Walk thro' the Middle, two large Grass-Plots of each Side, two more Gravel-Walks parallel with those, bounded alike with a green Slope and Terrace, and all terminated with another that looks over into the Fields, forms a fine Out-set for the Eye, and looks so beautifully simple, and yet so artfully improv'd, as neither to disagree with the Pompousness on one Side, nor the Rusticity on the other. On each Hand of this pleasant Apartment the Eye is entertain'd with a Vista of Rooms; at the Extremities of which you have a double View of the same Nature, and double the Length; and, by the Help of large Looking-Glasses, this Beauty might be still improv'd to a much greater Degree of Perfection, not only here, but where ever the View will allow it.

In the same Apartment, there are likewise two Cartoons, I think by *Raphael*, that are esteem'd very valuable: One of them is either the Messiah or the Deity, surrounded with the usual Symbols of the four Evangelists, and is really a Figure of great Majesty, declaring a masterly Genius to conceive it, and a fine Hand in the Execution: He is made with great Propriety the Center of the Groupe, and all the other Figures are dispos'd with perfect Judgment to guide you to the Chief, and bear a proper Share in the Whole. The other, tho' apparently by the same Master, is yet every Way inferior to it, the Story being obscure, the Figures both in bad Attitudes, and ill-proportion'd, forming no Groupe, nor making any Amends for the Want of one,

Beside these, and a fine whole Length of the present Dutchess of *Montague*, I don't recollect any other Pictures which challenge our Attention or Applause, for which Reason we must now return to the Stair Case, which we are told was the united Work of three celebrated Hands, and cost no less than 7000 *l.* 'Tis indeed, beyond Comparison, the best I have hitherto seen; consisting of a fine Range of Architecture, in the Nature of a Gallery, supported on double Columns, and all the intermediate Spaces are fill'd up with agreeable Landscapes, which are neither too rural, nor abounding too much with Art and Decoration: In short, they are such Views as might be naturally suppos'd to be seen from a Palace, and the Colouring is so chast and sober, and preserves such a Keeping, that it helps on the Deceit, and does not so strongly detain the Eye, but that you are easily led to the Figures of the Cieling above, which were meant to be the principal Point of the whole View.

Here you first cast your Eye on the chief Figure on the Groupe, *Apollo*, as the God of the Sun, in his Chariot, just driving out from his Palace, and beginning the Day; around him are the Hours and Zephyrs shedding down Flowers on the Earth, beyond are Time and Eternity as Part of his Attendants: At more Distance still, *Diana*, *Night*, and their Train, half in the Shade, as taking Leave of the World, and a Variety of other suitable Figures make up the rest: The Whole being adorn'd with Festoons of Fruits and Flowers by *Baptist*; and these, together with the Figures and Architecture, uniting so well in Design, and so equal in Execution as to assist each other, and form one of the compleatest Scenes that three such different Branches of the same Art can possibly produce.—— Faults there may be in them all, but then there are so many Atonements for them, that they ought to be overlook'd or forgiven.

From the Stair-Case, we are receiv'd into a Room, which, like the Hall below, is supported with a double Row of Columns, and painted all round in Imitation of Marble, in great Variety of Sorts and Colours, and, upon the Whole, pleases and entertains very well: The Cieling is decorated with the Story of *Jupiter*'s War with the Giants, but in my humble Opinion most lamentably ill told: The Design being poor and wretched, the Figures ill drawn, without Expression or Colouring, the Attitudes forc'd and unnatural, and all the Parts of the Groupe in so odd a Situation with Respect to one another, that I think 'tis out of the Power even of *Jupiter* himself to hurt his Enemies, tho' they are fallen in Heaps beneath him.

This Apartment leads you to the Salonne; a Place design'd as the Centre of all the Beauty and Magnificence of the whole Palace; and, indeed, on the Opening of the Doors into it, you can't help being somewhat astonish'd at the Profusion of Finery that is lavish'd to adorn it: Wherever you turn your Eyes, nothing is to be seen but the richest Ornaments of Architecture, the most costly Gilding, and most showy Paintings; all together conspiring to form a Scene of Grandeur that was intended to glut the Eye with Entertainment, and defy human Imagination to add any farther Embellishment.

But I am afraid this Ambition has made the whole Design miscarry; for now all the Parts glare so alike, that there is no principal Object to fix the Attention, nor Keeping to set off one Object by another. The whole Design consists of an expensive Frame of painted Architecture, supporting a large, open Circle, which is adorn'd with an Assembly of the Gods. But then this very Architecture is so highly finish'd in itself, is so richly cluster'd with gilded Ornaments, made so gay with Festoons of Flowers, and pompous Folds of wrought Carpets and Curtains, that the Eye knows not where to rest; and the Figures above are in the mean Time utterly disregarded: Neither do I think that they have the best Title in the World to more Attention, for, except the exceeding Glow and Warmth of their Colouring, which was the Painter's only remaining Expedient to bring them forward to the View, they have no great Beauty of Design, Business, or Execution to challenge our Applause.

In a Word, 'tis my Opinion, that in such Designs as these, the Decorations should be all in Store and Hours: that Gildings, Fruits, Flowers, or any other gay Object that strikes the Sight too strongly, should be intirely banish'd; and every Circumstance, either of Design or Ornament, calculated to lead you to the Figures above, which should be the Animation, Beauty, and Finishing of the Whole.

To the Author *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER.

SIR,

AGreeably to my Promise, I have now sent you another Copy of Verses, and am

Your humble Servant,

June 10, 1734. F. J.

The LOUSE.

SOME have a wond'rous Knack, ye Sages,
Of spinning out whole tedious Pages,
And using much a Figure long since
In Rhet'rick known — they call it Non-sense.
Now that's my Case — but since I'm in for't,
Or right or wrong I must begin for't;
Tho' less I know of what I tattle,
Than Parrots do of what they prattle.
Attend then, Sirs, whilst I unfold
Such wond'rous Truths, as ne'er were told
To your Grandsires in Times of old.
Sing, *Clio*, sing the * Louse's Pow'r
Which daily the *Beau Monde* store,
Where they with supplant Posture bow,
And all their Morning Vows bestow.
In lofty Dome he sits at Work,
Grave and majestic as Grand *Turk*;
There forms with Fancy unconfin'd
The vast Ideas of his Mind,
By curious manual Operation,
Or rather I may say Creation. —
For I can prove, say what you can,
The Coat it is that makes the Man.
Now as the Gods, in Days of Yore,
Had each peculiar Signs of Pow'r;
As *Jove* his Thunder, *Phœbus* Arrows,
Pallas her Shield, and *Venus* Sparrows;
So near this awful Idol stood
A *Goose*, all o'er distain'd with Blood.
Nay some affirm this Goose to be
A small subaltern Deity,
Or *Deus Gentium Minorum*,
Because they sacrific'd before him
That savage Creature, ev'ry Hour,
Whose constant Food is human Gore.
Perhaps you'll cry what means this Clatter?
Mere Stuff! 'tis nothing to the Matter. —
Who would such pompous Words apply,
To sing a Louse's Elegy?
Excuse me, Sirs, for that — in short
I'd many weighty Reasons for't.
The comic Muse then best appears,
When she the borrow'd Buskin wears:
And if Good Sense is scanty found,
The Want of Wit's made up in Sound.
Besides, tho' small in ev'ry Feature,
I'm not so despicable a Creature:
Not that I ground my just Pretensions,
On the large Bulk of my Dimensions;
For be my Parts, Sirs, ten Times bigger,
That adds but little to my Figure:
Intrinsick Worth, full well you know,
Ne'er takes its Rise from outward Show.
We, like your Men of Honour, trace
Our Worth from Nobleness of Race;
Can shew you, if there were Occasion,
The greatest Heroes of the Nation,
From *Will* the Conqueror to *Lud*,
Were our Allies in Flesh and Blood.

* *A Tayor.*

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N. B. *Advertisements, of a reasonable Length, are put in this Paper at Two Shillings and Six-Pence each.*

When *Pharaoh*, that ill-natur'd Raſcal,
Deny'd thoſe honeſt Folks their Paſchal;
A Swarm of *Lice*, prolific Race!
Like Duſt inſeſted ev'ry Place. —
In vain his Sides the Monarch rubb'd,
And with fierce Indignation ſcrubb'd;
No Sweet cou'd make him ſmell leſs frowſy,
Or keep his Clothes from being louſy.
Herod, who did ſo many Harms,
Was yet a Subject to my Swarms;
And *Sylla* too, with all his Forces,
Was much too weak to ſtop my Courſes:
The one and t'other I o'erthrew,
And ſhew'd what little Things can do,
Then for our Judgment, none diſpute it;
For ſince the Head's by all reputed
The only Seat of Wit and Senſe,
Here is my Place of Reſidence.
Thus when warm Parties hold Debate
On grand Affairs of Church or State,
And either Side is cloſely preſt on
To be deciſive to the Queſtion;
If empty Noddle gives Denial,
He puts his Fingers to the Trial,
Scratches his Head, thus quickly mends,
And has it at his Fingers Ends.
Thence comes the antient Proverb, which is,
Of Scratching where it never itches:
For when the Dint of Reaſon fails,
The *Louſe* moſt certainly prevails.
But hold — why all this Stir to ſhow
What you, good Sirs, already know.
Nay, tho' I might e'en claim the Bays,
All that I aſk to crown my Praiſe,
Is that you'd pleaſe to end the Quarrel,
And grant the *Louſe* may wear your Laurel.

SATURDAY, *June* 8.

ORDERS are actually gone to *Gibraltar*, for a Draught to be drawn of 80 Men out of each of the ſix Regiments of Foot in Garriſon there, which are to be form'd into ſix Independant Companies, and ſent forthwith to *Jamaica*, to defend that Iſland againſt the rebellious *Blacks*, or any other Enemies whatſoever.

Advice is come to the Court, that the Prince of *Lixin* and the Marquis *de Silly*, two Lieutenant Generals in the *French* Service, had kill'd each other in a Duel in the Camp before *Philipſbourg*; ſo that the Report of their being taken off by a Cannon-Ball from the Town when they were in the Trenches, is not true.

The fine Collection of Pictures which the late *Richard Norton*, Eſq; left as a Legacy to his Majeſty, are order'd to be clean'd and put up in *Richmond* Houſe.

On Monday laſt Mr. *Williamſon*, eldeſt Son of *Robert Williamſon*, of *Stanes*, Eſq; was drowned in the *Thames* as he was bathing there: He happen'd to venture beyond his Depth, and being taken up by the Stream, was daſh'd againſt one of the Sterlings of *Stanes-Bridge*, with ſuch Force, that his Skull was found to be fractur'd when taken up.

Yeſterday about Four o'Clock, a Boat going from *London* to *Barns* with three Paſſengers, was over-ſet by a ſudden Guſt of Wind, over-againſt the Water-Works at *Cheljea*, by which Accident a Gentlewoman was drowned, notwithſtanding the immediate Aſſiſtance of two Fiſhermens Boats, who tried in vain to ſave her.

On Thurſday Night a Fire happen'd in *Shad-Thames*, by which a poor Woman was burnt in ſuch a Manner, that her Life is deſpair'd of.

Preferments. Yeſterday the Clergy of the Archdeaconry of *London* met at *Chriſt-Church* in *Newgate ſtreet*, to chuſe Members to the enſuing Convocation, when the Rev. Dr. *Knight*, Vicar of St. *Sepulchre's*, and the Rev. Mr. *Butler*, Miniſter of St. *Anne's Alderſgate*, were choſen their Repreſentatives.

Deaths. On Monday laſt died, at *Sevenoakes* in *Kent*, Sir *Henry Fermor*, of *Wrotbes* in *Suſſex* and of *Sevenoak*, Bart. deſcended from one of that Name that came out of *France* in the Reign of King *Edward* III.——On Thurſday died the Hon. Miſs *Elizabeth Vane*, Niece of the Right Hon. the Lord *Barnard*.

MONDAY, *June* 10.

On the 5th Inſtant the Corpſe of the late Lord Viſcount *Vane* was interr'd with great Funeral Pomp and Solemnity in a Vault at *Shilbourne* Church near *Fair-Lane*; the Pall was ſupported by Sir *Edward Dering*, Sir *Philip Boteler*, and Sir *Chriſtopher Powell*, Barts. *John Hamilton*, *Tho. Lambard*, and *John Pratt*, Eſqs; *Walter Vane*, Eſq; ſupported by Mr. *Merrick* and Mr. *Harper*, walk'd chief Mourner, and the Funeral Sermon was preach'd by the Rev. Mr. *Francis*.

We hear Sir *Henry Fermor*, Bart. deceas'd, has left by Will the Sum of 500 l. to be laid out in erecting a Monument for his Grace the Duke of *Argyle*, in *Weſtminſter-Abbey*, when this Nation ſhall have the Misfortune to be depriv'd of ſo brave a General.

They write from *Dover*, that the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, accompanied by three of he Aldermen, was arriv'd there to take a View of that Caſtle; and that his Lordſhip's Yacht, in paſſing through the *Downs*, having ſaluted Sir *John Norris*, the *Britannia* immediately return'd it by a proper Number of Guns.

'Tis aſſur'd from credible Calculations, that the extraordinary Exportation of Corn from *Great Britain*, ſince the Troubles of *Poland*, has been above a Million of Money in our Favour. Freight of Corn is already 5 s. a Quarter to thoſe Ports, where 28. has been formerly thought a tolerable Price.

By our private Letters from *Franckfort*, dated the 9th Inſtant, N. S. we have an Account, that the Day before *George Carey*, Eſq; aged 28, Brother to the Lord Viſcount *Falkland*, and who lately went hence with the Lord *Charles Hay* and Capt. *Gumley*, to ſerve as a Voluntier in Prince *Eugene's* Army, was unfortunately drowned as he was bathing himſelf in a River, being ſuddenly taken with a Cramp in his Limbs; and that his Servant was arriv'd at *Franckfort* with his Maſter's Equipage on his Return to *Great Britain*.

The Regiment of Foot commanded by the Right Hon. the Earl of *Rothes*, in Garriſon at *Gibraltar*, is ordered to the Iſland of *Jamaica*, along with the ſix Independant Companies mention'd before.

Marriage. A few Days ſince Mr. *Norton*, Son of Col. *Norton*, Member of Parliament for *Bury* in *Suffolk*, was married to Miſs *Hutchinſon*, of *Weſtminſter*, a young Lady of a great Fortune.

Deaths. On Saturday died, at *Hanwell* in *Middleſex*, *Ralph Symonds*, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County.——The ſame Day died at *Mile-End*, *George Trever*, Eſq; formerly an eminent Dry-Salter of this City.

Bankrupts. Henry Marſh, late of *Preſcott*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, Merchant and Linnen Draper.——*Thomas Eden*, of *Biſhopsgate-ſtreet*, *London*, Linnen-Draper.——*Henry Hawthorne*, of the Pariſh of St. *Luke*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Buckram-Stiffner and Warehouſeman.

TUESDAY, *June* 11.

Laſt Saturday Evening a *Chiſwick* Waterman came to *Somerſet-Stairs*, having in his Boat a Box, with a large Quantity of Silver Lace, a Set of Silver Knives and Forks, and ſeveral other Things of Value; the Maſter went on Shore to deliver a Letter, leaving his Boy in the Boat: Meanwhile a Fellow well dreſs'd came to the Boy, and told him, that his Maſter was taken before Juſtice *Deveil*, on Suſpicion of a Robbery on the Highway, where he muſt go to him immediately, which the Boy believing, left the Fellow to take Care of the Boat, who row'd her away to *Lambeth*, where he pillag'd her of all that was in her, and then left her.

Yeſterday in the Afternoon the Court came from *Richmond* to *Kenſington* Palace.

The ſame Day the Princeſs *Amelia* arrived alſo at *Kenſington* from *Bath*.

The Dutcheſs of *Buckinghamſhire*, the Lady Viſcounteſs *Falmouth*, and the Hon. Mrs. *Arabella Dunch* of *Whitehall*, are going into deep Mourning for the Death of the Duke of *Berwick*,

Yeſterday Morning an Expreſs was diſpatch'd for his Grace the Duke of *Buckinghamſhire* to return home.

The Lady *Smyth*, Wife of Sir *Robert Smyth*, of *Iſfield* in *Suſſex*, Bart. and Daughter of the Right Hon. the Earl of *Briſtol*, was a few Days ſince delivered of a Son.

The Lord *Forbes*, newly arrived here from the Court of *Peterſbourg*, came through *Poliſh Pruſſia*, and made a Viſit to Count *Munich*, in his head Quarters at *Obre*, in the Camp before *Dantzick*, where his Lordſhip was ſplendidly entertain'd two Days.

His Grace the Duke of *Bedford* has ordered *Covent Garden-Square* to be pav'd in a very handſome Manner, the Expence of which will amount to 150 l.

Extract of a Letter from Fowey *to a Merchant at* Briſtol, *dated* June 8.

A Sloop that I partly freighted to the *Streights* with Pilchards return'd laſt Week, and brings an Account from *Gibraltar*, that the *Roſe* Man of War, and one ſmall Cruizer, have been over the Bar of *Sallee*, and burnt two of their Rovers, of about twenty Guns each, and all the Small Craft they met with; that they have but one Veſſel left, which is a Brigantine now out, and our Ships are in queſt of her: So reckoning that Affair will ſoon be made eaſy, and being under no preſent Apprehenſion of any other Enemy, I declined making Inſurance, &c.

Letters from the *Rhine* adviſe, that *James Fitz James*, Duke of *Berwick*, having been in the Trenches before *Philipſbourg* on Saturday Se'nnight, was mounting his Horſe in Order to return to his Quarters, when a Falconet Ball took him in the Groin, and he expir'd ſoon after: His Grace was Natural Son of the late King *James*, by Mrs. *Arabella Churchill*, Siſter to the late Duke of *Marlborough*, and had the Title of Duke of *Berwick*, as likewiſe the Garter, conferr'd upon him by that Prince: He ſerv'd in the *French* Army from his Infancy, and diſtinguiſh'd himſelf in ſeveral Actions during the late War: He roſe to be Marſhal of *France*, the higheſt Honour the King can beſtow, not more by Favour than by his Services to that Prince; and as he was one of the oldeſt, ſo he was the beſt General the *French* had: He has left three Sons, the eldeſt Duke of *Fitz-James*, the ſecond Duke of *Liria* in *Spain*, having that Honour from his *Catholick* Majeſty, whoſe Ambaſſador he was ſome Time to the Court of *Vienna*, and the third is in the Service of the Church.

Our Letters add, that upon the Death of the Duke of *Berwick*, the Prince *de Tingry*, the Duke *de Noailles*, and the Duke *de Richlieu*, took upon them the Command of the three Bodies into which the *French* Army is divided; and the Count *de Belle-Iſle*, and the Marquiſs *d'Aſfeldt*, continued the Direction of the Siege.

Prince *Eugene* the ſame Day quitted his Camp at *Heilbron*, and as 'tis aſſur'd that he purpos'd to have attack'd the *French* on the Morrow, had not this Accident happen'd, the Event of a Battle is every Moment expected.

The Duke *Duras* had his Left Arm ſhatter'd by the Cannon Ball that kill'd the Marſhal *Berwick*.

The ſame Day the King of *France* receiv'd the News of this Misfortune, his Majeſty ſent the Truncheon to the Marquiſs *d'Aſfeldt*, together with a Commiſſion, conſtituting him General in Chief of his Army before *Philipſbourg*.

On Tueſday laſt came on the Election for the Sixteen Peers for *Scotland*, at *Holy-Rood* Houſe at *Edinburgh*, when the following Perſons were duly elected to ſit and vote in the enſuing Parliament for *Great Britain*, by the Majority of 49 Voices againſt 25, *viz.*

Duke of Buccleugh	Earl of Morton
Duke of Athol	Earl of Orkney
Earl of Balcarras	Earl of Selkirk
Lord Cathcart	Earl of Hopton
Earl of Finlater	Earl of Ila
Earl of Loudon	Earl of Crawford
Earl of Portmore	Marquiſs of Lothian
Earl of Sutherland	Earl of Dunmore

The Liſt on whom the Minority fell was as follows,

Duke of Hamilton	Earl of Haddington
Duke of Montroſe	Earl of Caithneſs
Duke of Queenſberry	Earl of Buchan
Duke of Roxburgh	Earl of Aberdeen
Marquiſs of Tweedale	Earl of Dondonald
Earl of Stair	Earl of Strathmore
Earl of Marchmont	Earl of Glaſgow
Earl of Rothes	Lord Elphingſton

Deaths. On Friday laſt died at *Briſtol*, *Robert Lloyd*, of *Aſton* in *Shropſhire*, Eſq; who ſerved ſeveral Years as a Member for that County.——On Sunday died at *Hackney*, *John Rickets*, Eſq; formerly an eminent *Hamburgh* Merchant of this City.

WEDNESDAY, *June* 12.

Yeſterday being the Anniverſary of his Majeſty's Succeſſion to the Crown, there was a numerous and ſplendid Appearance at Court of the Nobility, Foreign Miniſters, and other Perſons of Diſtinction to compliment their Majeſties on that Occaſion. The Guns at the *Park* and at the *Tower* were fired, and all publick Demonſtrations of Joy were made.

The Artillery Company perform'd a fine Exerciſe on the ſame Occaſion.

And the Clerks and other Officers of the *Bank* being drawn out in th Court before that Place, fired three Volleys of about 60 Muſquets each Time.

On Sunday laſt one *Humphry Rammington*, who keeps a Publick Houſe the Sign of the *Windmill* at *Whetſton*, was committed to *Newgate* by Juſtice *Smith* for the Murder of one *William Well* of *Hadley*, which we hear happen'd in the following Manner: A Boy watering his Horſe in a Pond adjoining to the ſaid *Rammington's* Houſe, and not calling for ſome Beer, *Rammington* gave him ill Language, to which the Boy making ſome Reply, *Rammington* ſtruck him; but *William Well* coming up, ſaid, Fight with me, and not beat the Boy; whereupon *Rammington* went in Doors, and bringing out a Dung-Fork, at one Blow ſplit the Skull of the ſaid *William Well*, who expir'd within half an Hour after.

Death. Yeſterday died, at his Chambers in *Gray's-Inn*, *Holborn*, *Thomas Clarke*, Eſq;

Bankrupt. James Jones, of the Pariſh of St. *Paul*, *Covent-Garden*, Chapman.

THURSDAY, *June* 13.

The Hon. *William Finch*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Miniſter at the *Hague*, hath wrote to this Court, that the Princeſs of *Orange* and her Conſort were expected there as on Tueſday laſt; her Royal Highneſs to ſet out for *Great Britain*, and the Prince for Prince *Eugene*'s Army.

They write from *Bath*, that laſt Week a poor Waſherwoman was delivered of four Boys, who were chriſten'd by the Names of the four Evangeliſts, but three of them are ſince dead.

Yeſterday Mr. *Johnſon*, a Butcher in *Brooks-Market*, walk'd from *Hyde-Park* Corner to *Windſor* and back again in eight Hours and a half: He was allowed to perform it in nine Hours, for a Wager of 50 Guineas.

They write from *Paris*, that the Wife of *Joſeph Denier*, alias *Lebane*, a *Frenchman* (who had been Cook to the late Mr. *Cantillon*, and ſuppos'd to have robb'd and murder'd that Gentleman) had been put under an Arreſt, at her Houſe three Miles from that City, and her Letters ſeiz'd, in Order to a Diſcovery of her Huſband; all which had been done at the Inſtance of the Earl *Waldegrave*, his Majeſty's Ambaſſador at the *French* Court.

By Letters from *Bari* in *Naples* of the 27th ult. N. S. we have Advice, that after the *Imperialiſts* were defeated on the 25th of the ſame Month, all their Infantry that had eſcap'd the Fate of their Comrades, retreated into *Bitonto*, which is a wall'd Town, and their Cavalry took their Rout towards *Bari*, diſpers'd in divers Bodies. That General *Montemar* purſued the former, who were commanded by Prince *Bellemonte*, and having laid Siege to *Bitonto*, after ſome Defence, the *Germans*, to the Number of 3000, with their Commander, were forc'd to ſurrender as Priſoners of War. The *Spaniſh* Cavalry having cloſely purſued that of the *Germans*, either kill'd or took them all Priſoners, excepting 200 *Huſſars*, who eſcap'd into *Calabria*. Theſe Letters add, that 15 Standards and 25 Pair of Colours were taken from the *Germans* in thoſe Engagements, beſides their Artillery, Ammunition and Baggage.

Preferment. On Tueſday his Grace the Duke of *Montagu* kiſs'd the King's Hand on his being made Captain of the Band of Gentlemen Penſioners.

FRIDAY, *June* 14.

There are Letters in Town from the *Rhine* which confirm the great Slaughter of the *French* Troops by the late Stratagem of the Governor of *Philipſbourg*: That Officer, it ſeems, elevated his Cannon in ſuch a Manner, that they ſhot beyond the Trenches, which the *French* ſoon perceiving, ran up their Advances to the very Fortification of the Place, and not finding themſelves interrupted, were preparing for a general Aſſault, when on a ſudden the Beſieg'd open'd their Sluices, and pour'd in ſuch a Torrent of Water that they were ſurrounded in an Inſtant beyond a Poſſibility of retreating, and began to ſwim: but the Garriſon ply'd them ſo thick with Partridge-Shot, and by general Diſcharges of the Muſquetry upon them, that very few, if any, of the Party eſcap'd.

They write from *Aſhford* in *Kent*, that a Couple was lately married there whoſe Ages together made 160, and that there being Dancing in the Evening on Occaſion of ſo extraordinary a Wedding, the Bride and Bridegroom led up the firſt Dance with all the Gaiety imaginable.

On Wedneſday Evening one Mr. *Paul*, a Surgeon in the Merchants Service, having been on Shoar to take Leave of his Friends before he proceeded on his Voyage, ſuppoſed to be in Liquor, going in a Boat to his Ship, was drowned between *King Henry's Stairs* and *Shadwell-Dock*.

Yeſterday all the Writs for electing Members of Parliament were returnable, and his Majeſty was pleaſed to ſignify his Pleaſure to the Lord Chancellor, that the Parliament ſhould be prorogued to the 16th Day of *July* next.

Tueſday laſt being his Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Crown, as the Royal Standard was diſplaying in the *White Tower*, in the *Tower* of *London*, the ſame was, by ſome unknown Hand, cut to Pieces, and his Majeſty's Coat of Arms, near four Yards in Breadth, was carried off undiſcover'd.

Death. We have an Account from *York* of the Death of *Cholmley Turner*, Eſq; who was lately rechoſen one of the Knights of the Shire.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Garden, *who attended his Grace the Duke of* Buckingham *in the* French *Army, to his Brother in* London.

From the Camp before Philipſbourg, June 14. *N. S.*

BEfore this reaches you I doubt not but you will have heard of the Death of the Duke of *Berwick*, occaſioned the 12th Inſtant by a Cannon Ball, which ſever'd his Head from his Body, and cover'd ſeveral of his neareſt Friends with his Blood: The fatal Blow was ſtruck whilſt his Grace was taking a View of the Town from an Eminence in that Part of our Trenches neareſt to it. It is impoſſible to expreſs the Conſternation the whole Army was under upon this Occaſion; his own lifeleſs Body without a Head is the beſt Emblem of it.

Edinburgh, June 6. Laſt Tueſday at Noon came on, at the Burrow Room, the Election of 16 Peers to repreſent this Part of the Kingdom in the enſuing Parliament. (See Page 2. Col. 3.)

At firſt a Proteſt was entered by the Duke of *Montroſe*, againſt the Place of the Election as being altogether unfit, and ſo confined, that the Members had not their Freedom; and it was alledged, that if his Majeſty had been duly informed, the Election had not been appointed in that Place.

A Proteſt was entered by the Earl of *Stair*, againſt Col. *Handaſide*'s Regiment being at the very Juncture under Arms in the *Abbey-Court*; which his Lordſhip ſaid, (tho' himſelf was the laſt Man that ſhould be afraid of his Majeſty's Troops) was not only unuſual, but illegal, and ſubverſive of the Freedom of Elections.

A Proteſt was entered by the Earl of *Marchmont*, againſt the Perſons claiming to repreſent the Lords *Borthwick*, *Kirkcudbright*, and *Rutherford*, their Titles having lain ſo very long dormant, and ſtill wanting the Sanction of the Houſe of Peers. Another was entered by a Son of the late Provoſt *Maclelan*, who claims the Title of Lord *Kirkcudbright*. Alſo one by Capt. *John Rutherford*, claiming the Title of Lord *Rutherford*.

A Proteſt was entered by the Duke of *Hamilton*, for himſelf, as a *Britiſh* Peer, that his Voting on this Occaſion (this being the firſt Time his Grace has ever voted) ſhould no Ways be conſtrued a paſſing from his Title as a Peer of *Great Britain*. Another was entered by the Duke of *Queenſberry*, in the above preciſe Terms.

Another Proteſt was entered by the Duke of *Hamilton*, in the following Words, *viz.*

BEFORE giving my Vote at this Election, I think it my indiſpenſable Duty to proteſt, That whereas I have ſtrong Grounds to believe, that the Peers who are to vote at this Election, have not all of them been at Liberty to make a free Choice of ſuch Peers as they ſhall judge moſt proper to repreſent the Peerage of *Scotland*: But that a Liſt of the 16 Peers had been named by the Miniſter, and ſent down by his Agent; and that, what I apprehend to be, undue Influence has been uſed with many of the Peers of *Scotland*, to engage them to vote for the ſaid Liſt; and more particularly, that I have Ground to believe the ſaid Liſt conſiſts of the 16 noble Lords after-named, for whom we have perſonally the greateſt Honour and Reſpect, to wit, His Grace the Duke of *Athol*, his Grace the Duke of *Buccleugh*, the Marquiſs of *Lothian*, the Earls of *Crawford*, *Sutherland*, *Morton*, *Loudon*, *Finlater*, *Selkirk*, *Balcarras*, *Dunmore*, *Orkney*, *Portmore*, *Hopton*, *Iſla*, and Lord *Cathcart*: Therefore I do proteſt, That in Caſe it ſhall appear, in the Courſe of this Election, that the Liſt voted is, and has been, a Liſt ſo named by the Miniſter, and that undue Means have been uſed to induce the Peers, who are to vote at this Election, or any Number of them, to vote for ſuch Liſt, by Promiſe or Grant of Place, Penſion, or Reward, to themſelves, or their near Relations, or by Threatnings of being removed from Offices, or of any other Kind whatſoever: That ſuch Election ſhall be held as illegal, contrary to the Freedom of Elections, and therefore void. And do hereby proteſt, That I ſhall be at Liberty farther to diſſent from ſuch Election, if made, and to review my Proteſt, and to offer my Reaſons and Objections againſt the ſame, in a more particular Manner. Signed,

Hamilton, Queenſberry, Montroſe, Roxburgh, Tweeddale, Rothes, Buchan, Strathmore, Haddington, Kincardine, Aberdeen, Dundonald, Marchmont, Stair, Glaſgow, Rojeberie, Salton, Elphinſtone, Napier, Blantyre. And by Proxies, *Dyſart, Deloraine, Falkland, Preſton, Kinaird.*

I *Charles* Lord *Elphinſtone* do hereby adhere to the Proteſt entered by his Grace the Duke of *Hamilton*, concerning undue Influence uſed by the Miniſtry, and others in Power, for this Election of 16 *Scots* Peers to ſit and vote in the enſuing Parliament. And I do it for this Reaſon, That they have attempted ſuch undue Influences upon myſelf; which Attempts I withſtood, and rejected their Offers. At *Edinburgh* the 4th Day of *June* 1734, at the Election of the 16 Peers aforeſaid, *Elphinſtone*.

When the Earl of *Kincardine* adhered to the above Proteſt, he added a Qualification, That he might be at Liberty to add what further he thought proper at a proper Time and Place, and when called to it by Authority.

Then the Liſt of the 16 Peers (mentioned before) was voted, and returned accordingly.

His Grace the Duke of Queenſberry*'s Proteſt.*

I In my own Name, and in Name of ſuch of the Peers of *Scotland* as ſhall adhere to me, Do proteſt, That the pretended Election of his Grace the Duke of *Athol*, his Grace the Duke of *Buccleugh*, &c. to repreſent the Peerage of *Scotland*, is void and null, for theſe, among other Reaſons.

1. That it appears from the ſeveral Circumſtances that have preceded and attended this Election, that this Liſt hath been named by the Miniſter, and ſent down by his Agent, without Regard to the real Opinion and Sentiments of the Peers; and that ſeveral of them have been tied down, either to give their Vote for this Liſt, or to incur the Diſpleaſure of the Miniſter.

2. That for many Months paſt, very undue Influence hath been uſed (as I have Ground to believe, and hope in proper Time to make appear) with many of the Peers of *Scotland*, to engage or intimidate them to vote for this Liſt, at leaſt ſuch Liſt as ſhould be put into their Hands, by Promiſe or Grant of Money, Places, Penſions, or Preferments civil or military, to themſelves or their near Relations; or by Threatnings of removing them or their Relations, from Offices they enjoyed; or other Promiſes or Threatnings equally inconſiſtent with the Freedom of Elections.

3. That I am the rather induced to believe that ſuch undue Influence has been uſed, becauſe of the many notorious Inſtances that have occurred, of undue Practices, with reſpect to the Election of the Commoners, by Promiſe or Grant of Places, civil or military, and Offices of Grants of great Sums of Money, to influence Voters, both in Counties and Burghs, ſuch as hath not been heard of at any Time before, by known Agents of the Miniſter, and Liberties that have been taken by Returning Officers, in open Violation of the Laws. The Conſequences of which muſt be too plain, as tending intirely to the Deſtruction of the Freedom of Elections, the Ruin of our Conſtitution, the Sapping the very Foundation of Parliaments, and rendring them intirely dependent, not only upon the Crown, but every aſſuming Miniſter.

For theſe Reaſons I do proteſt, That the preſent pretended Election of the aforeſaid 16 Peers, to wit, His Grace the Duke of *Athol*, his Grace the Duke of *Buccleugh*, &c. is void; and that the Election of ſuch 16 Peers, as have the greateſt Number of Votes, ſetting aſide the above Liſt named by the Miniſter, is the only fair and free Election, and that they alone are intitled to repreſent the Peerage of *Scotland* in the enſuing Parliament. And I do proteſt, for my Part, That I have given my Vote for the laſt named Liſt, in Conſequence of my free Choice, without any undue Influence uſed upon me; and that I have endeavoured to uſe no undue Influence upon any Peer whatſoever to concur with me in that Choice. And I require you Mr. *James Juſtice* and Mr. *John Murray*, Clerks of Seſſion, officiating at this Election, to extract from the Minutes of Election, and deliver to me, a Certificate of ſuch 16 Peers as have the greateſt Number of Votes, ſetting aſide the above Liſt named by the Miniſter. Signed, *Hamilton, &c.* as in the preceding Proteſt.

The making up the Minutes of the Whole, was not over till betwixt 8 and 9 at Night.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Naples, May 25. N. S.

THE Court has iſſued Orders to the Magiſtrates of this City, to make the neceſſary Preparations for *Don Carlos*'s Coronation, which will ſhortly be perform'd here with all poſſible Solemnity. The young Prince is reſolv'd to found his Throne in the Hearts of his People; and to that End, caſts about daily for Opportunities to ſhew his Benevolence and Generoſity. 'Tis certain that his Behaviour has intirely won the Affection of his new Subjects. They write from *Tripoli*, that the Bey having received Advice that this Kingdom was now no longer under the Government of the Emperor, has order'd a *Corſair* of 40 Guns, and another of 26, to put to Sea to cruize upon our Ships.

From the Imperial Army near Colorno, June 3. We have poſſeſs'd ourſelves of *Colorno*, and taken about 90 Priſoners; but this Advantage is counter-balanc'd by the Death of General *Ligneville*. The *French* Army has paſs'd the *Po*, and is encamp'd in our Front, in order to prevent our penetrating into the *Parmeſan*.

Hambourg, June 11. N. S. The Report of Count *Plelo*'s Death is confirm'd beyond a Poſſibility of doubting, but the Manner of it is differently related. M. *Brackel*, the *Ruſſian* Miniſter, ſays (and M. *Pouſſin*, the *French* Miniſter, has Letters to the ſame Effect) that he was maſſacred by the *French* themſelves as he endeavour'd to ſtop their Flight and turn them upon the *Ruſſians*: But other Advices ſay, that the *French* Succours which Count *Plelo* had brought back to *Weiſſelmunde* being landed there, took a Reſolution on the 27th to attack the *Sommerſchantz*; but when they came to put it in Execution, the Troops ſeem'd very averſe to go upon that Enterprize; however,

as the Count advanc'd himſelf before thoſe Troops, and commanded them to follow him, they paſs'd the firſt Retrenchment without much Difficulty, but were ſtopp'd at the ſecond by the Steepneſs of its Aſcent and the Fire of the *Ruſſians*. Here Count *Plelo* having receiv'd a Muſquet Shot in the Thigh, was forc'd to ſit down, in which Poſture he continued animating the Soldiers, and recharging a Piece he had in his Hand, till ſuch Time as he was quite diſabled by two other Shot: The *Ruſſians* then ſallying out upon the *French*, diſpatch'd him with their Bayonets. Some ſay the *French* loſt 300 Men in the Action, and others 500, in which Number are 14 Officers, and one of the Quality of Colonel. When the Action was over, General *Munich* ſent the Bodies of Count *Plelo* and the Colonel above-mention'd in Coffins to *Wechſelmunde*. The Ambaſſador's Valet de Chambre has ſince brought them to *Copenhagen*, where two of the *French* Frigates are arrived from *Dantzick*. Prince *Eugene* is now ſo ſtrong, that he has thought fit to leave *Hailbron*, and march towards *Philipſburg*, in Order to give ſome Diverſion to that Siege.

Franckfort, June 10. Prince *Eugene* having been inform'd that the *French* Army had ſent to demand Contributions of this City, as likewiſe at *Ulm*, *Auxbourg*, *Ottingen*, and ſeveral other Places in the Circle of *Suabia*, has written to their ſeveral Magiſtrates, that they might with Safety refuſe to pay them, for that he was in a Condition to defend their reſpective Towns againſt any Trouble they might apprehend from the Enemy. 'Tis aſſur'd, that his Highneſs's Army has been join'd by great Part of the Auxiliaries, and that it conſiſts of full 60,000 Men. 'Tis likewiſe aſſur'd, that the *French* Army is not ſo numerous as they affect to give out. Several Regiments are actually on their March from *Luxemburg*, to join Prince *Eugene*: That Prince has thrown a Reinforcement of 2400 *Heſſians* into *Rheinfelds*, together with ſeveral Pieces of Ordnance. By a Letter which we have juſt receiv'd from the *Imperial* Army, we find Prince *Eugene* is reſolv'd to attempt to relieve *Philipſburg*; whenever his Highneſs appears amongſt the Soldiery, nothing is heard but a Cry of *Lieber Vatter, wan ſelagen wir dan?* Which in a literal Tranſlation is, *Dear Father, when ſhall we fight them?* The Elector *Palatine* excuſes himſelf from ſending his Contingent to the Army, under Pretence that he has Need of all his Forces to cover his own Territories.

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Biiboa	77
Leghorn	88
Genoa	92 1/2 a 5/8
Venice	87 1/4
Lisbon	46
Agio *per Cent.*	4 1/2 a 3/8
Antw. Loſs *p.c.*	1 1/4 a 1/2

Hops

Old	3 *l.* to 4 *l.*
New	5 *l.* to 6 *l.*
Coals	23 24

GRAIN *per* Quarter.

Wheat	25 27
Rye	17 19
Barley	14 14
Oates	10 13
Tares	18 22
H. Beans	16 19
H. Peaſe	16 19
Boil. dit.	22 22

MALT.

Pale	17 19
Brown	16 18

STOCKS

S. S.	78 1/2, 79
Annu.	103 1/2, 103 1/8
Bank	136 1/2
India	143 a 5
3p. C.	92 1/2
MBan	106 1/2
Afric.	22
Y. Bu.	2 3/4
R Aſſ.	93
L. ditt	11 1/4 a 3/8
ECop.	1 *l.* 14 *s.*
W ditt	
N. Bank Cir	6 *l.* 12 6
IBon.	49 *s*
S. S.	38 a 40 *s*
3p. C. I. Bonds	23 *s.*

CHRISTNED

M.	155
F.	153
In all	308

DIED

Under		2	200
From	2 to	5 Old	63
	5	10	26
	10	20	20
	20	30	32
	30	40	37
	40	50	49
	50	60	27
	60	70	32
	70	80	15
	80	90	8
Upwards		90	1
Bu. M. 250. F. 260.			
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